

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 4071–4085; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 104; H. Con. Res. 103–104; and H. Res. 556–561 were introduced. **Pages H943–44**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H944–45**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 1433, to protect private property rights, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–401). **Page H943**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H905, H927**

Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3630, to provide incentives for the creation of jobs, by a yea-and-nay vote of 293 yeas to 132 nays, Roll No. 72. **Pages H907–27**

H. Res. 554, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by voice vote after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Page H926**

Committee on Ethics—Communication: Read a letter from Chairman Bonner wherein he transmitted, pursuant to rule XI, clause 3(b)(5) and Committee Rule (9)(e), and with the unanimous approval of the Committee on Ethics, a written request for the appointment of six substitute Members, necessitated by voluntary recusals, to serve for any Committee proceeding related to the Matter of Representative Maxine Waters currently before the Committee on Ethics. **Pages H927–28**

Committee on Ethics—Speaker's Designation: Pursuant to clause 3(b)(5) of rule XI, the Chair announced the Speaker's designation of the following Members to act in any proceeding of the Committee on Ethics relating to the Matter of Representative Maxine Waters: Representatives Goodlatte, LaTourette, Simpson, Capito, Griffin (AR), and Sarbanes. **Page H928**

Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to provide a copy of the on-the-record portions of the audio backup file of the deposition of William R. Clemens: The House agreed to H. Res. 558, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to provide a copy of the on-the-record portions of the audio backup file of the deposition of William R. Clemens that was conducted by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on February 5, 2008, to the prosecuting attorneys in

the case of *United States of America v. Clemens*, No. 1:10-cr-00223—RBW (D.D.C.). **Page H928**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, February 21st; when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 24th; and when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, February 27th. **Page H928**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress the Economic Report of the President—referred to the Joint Economic Committee and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–77). **Pages H938–39**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H935.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H927. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 budget request for the Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 budget request Department of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Agriculture: Thomas Vilsack, Secretary; Kathleen Merrigan, Deputy Secretary; Joseph Glauber, Chief Economist; and Michael Young, Budget Officer.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on FY 2013 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Army. Testimony was heard from John McHugh, Secretary, Department of the Army; and Raymond Odierno, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army.

LITIGATION AS A PREDATORY PRACTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Litigation as a Predatory Practice.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 785, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payment for certain noncoal reclamation projects. Testimony was heard from Representatives Pearce and Luján; Al Whitehouse, Chief of Reclamation Support, Office of Surface Reclamation and Enforcement; and public witnesses.

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE'S COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION PLAN AND ITS IMPACT ON CHINCOTEAGUE, VIRGINIA

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled “Fish and Wildlife Service’s Proposed Comprehensive Conservation Plan and its Potential Devastating Impact on the Economy of the Town of Chincoteague, Virginia.” Testimony was heard from Wendi Weber, Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service; Jack Tarr, Mayor, Chincoteague, Virginia; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING DUPLICATIVE IT INVESTMENTS AT DOD AND DOE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Inter-

governmental Relations and Procurement Reform held a hearing entitled “How Much is Too Much? Examining Duplicative IT Investments at DOD and DOE.” Testimony was heard from David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Teresa Takai, Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense; Richard Spires, Chief Information Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and Michael W. Locatis III, Chief Information Officer, Department of Energy.

OVERVIEW OF ADMINISTRATION'S FEDERAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGET FOR FY 2013

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “An Overview of the Administration’s Federal Research and Development Budget for Fiscal Year 2013.” Testimony was heard from John P. Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.